

Chatham Township Environmental Commission
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Minutes of the Tuesday, December 4, 2007 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, L. Caprioglio, S. Carroll, P. Collington, S. Hoag, P. Payton, O. Raadam, D. Stillinger, and L. Tavtigian.

CTEC'S PURPOSE (N.J.S.A. 40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2007 was published in the Chatham Courier & Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

Minutes from October 2, 2007 and November 6, 2007 meeting were approved. P. Payton motioned to accept and L. Caprioglio 2nd with all in favor.

Approval of meeting dates for 2008 and January 2009

All dates are Tuesday evenings at 7:15 PM – To be published in newspaper and posted on bulletin board.

Jan 8, 2008	May 6, 2008	Sep 9, 2008	Jan 6, 2009
Feb 5, 2008	Jun 3, 2008	Oct 7, 2008	
Mar 4, 2008	No July Meeting	Nov 4, 2008	
Apr 1, 2008	Aug 5, 2008	Dec 2, 2008	

Events

Thurs. Dec. 13 10 AM, PVGWPC next meeting. P. Collington has agreed to be the CTEC representative but all are invited.

Thurs. Dec 13, 7:30 PM, energy inventory presentation and discussion at Township Committee meeting. S. Carroll.

Rutgers Environmental Steward volunteer training program. Environmental commission members can enhance their understanding of the science behind environmental issues and network with environmental leaders. Classes are once a week, Jan. to June. Registration fee and a commitment to volunteer service required. Info on the Rutgers web site <http://www.rcrc.rutgers.edu/envirostewards>.

Application/LOI Review

130 Meyersville Rd. Bl. 12, Lot 11. Dudley. Revised minor subdivision plan dated 11-15-07. S. Hoag and D. Stillinger to review. OPEN

815 River Rd. Bl. 2 Lot 12, 6-11-07, King. Wetland application for General Permit and Transition Area Waiver for addition to existing house. Lot backs up to Passaic River park, rear quarter lies within NJDEP mapped wetlands. Letter from EC Commission to NJDEP. S. Carroll motioned to accept letter and P. Collington 2nd with all in favor. CLOSED

29 Hampton Rd. Bl. 48.10 Lot 29, 10-9-07, Goodheart. Wetlands application for General Permit for addition to existing house. Lot backs up to power lines, north corner lies within NJDEP mapped wetlands. Red-shouldered hawk and blue-spotted salamander have been sighted within area. D. Stillinger, O. Raadam, P. Collington to do site visit. OPEN

23 Loantaka Lane South Bl. 139 Lots 13, 14, 17, 18.03 and 18.04, 7-22-07, BCR Group. LOI application. Previous LOI was issued in 2002. Wetlands. Letter sent to NJDEP as per November meeting. CLOSED

55 Mountain Ave. Bl. 37 Lot 5.01, 4-27-07, Majmudar. Application to PB to construct one house with variances for front yard setback, house size. Steep slopes, conservation easement. CTEC sent memo to PB on 10-4-07, a second letter may be sent depending on outcome of PB meeting of 12/7/07. OPEN

Oak Knoll School - public meeting 9-11-07, replacement of existing storm water pipe within DEP conservation easement. DEP and Township engineer had no objection. CTEC will follow this application. PENDING

Reports

Planning Board – L. Caprioglio – Dudley application before PB at next meeting. Planning Board has a vacancy for 2nd alternate position.

Open Space – S. Hoag – Discussion of possible property purchase. Bike path will have painted roadway signage for traffic to be aware of bikers. There will also be a designated parking area. Morris County Freeholders meeting minutes of 11/07 stated approval to buy Platt Estate.

Energy Subcommittee Report – S. Carroll – Meeting with solar consultant and Tom Ciccarone regarding possible solar panels at Tanglewood Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Anti-idling campaign - K. Abbott and P. Collington – receiving positive feedback from other towns, students, businesses in town and newspapers. Receiving orders for signs.

Environmental Justice Council with the NJDEP - K. Abbott attended meeting, discussion on how poor areas have higher pollution rates.

Joint Twp-Boro “Bin There” Recycle Campaign – P. Collington – “Bin There” campaign receiving positive feedback. Phase II start’s in spring.

Education & Outreach Subcommittee – P. Collington and K. Abbott – Addressing schools, clubs, gather volunteers for different projects. Many interested.

Conservation Easement Data Collection Project – L. Caprioglio, S. Hoag, D. Stillinger – Continuing progress, 17 more easements to be assessed. Working closely with consultant regarding information that is needed.

EPA Rolling Knolls – S. Hoag – Progress continuing, soil samples are presently being taken.

Letters Sent

November 2007 – 23 Loantaka Lane South to NJDEP. Twenty thank you letters to conservation easement holders.

October 2007 – 55 Mountain Ave and 130 Meyersville to PB.

July 2007 – RexCorp pumping station and 1 Karlin Dr to PB.

May and June 2007 – 20 letters to land owners with conservation easement notifying them that EC consultant would be visiting their property.

Mail Received

Memo via e-mail to K. Abbott from PSE&G re herbicide application policy.

Notice from RexCorp of intent to file a Treatment Works Application for the pump station at Giralda Farms.

Revised architectural plans for 55 Mountain Ave.

Invoice from consultant for conservation easement data collection project.

Twenty-nine responses to Anti-idling Campaign.

Minutes of Long Hill EC.

Various newsletters, event announcements and flyers.

CTEC meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM

Carolyn Scannelli

Minutes Secretary